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SUBJECT: NEWS BROADCAST ON "U.S. MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN
SAUDI ARABIA"

1. I WAS CALLED TODAY BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL
RAHMAN AL-MANSOURI WHO WAS GREATLY DISTURBED ABOUT AN ISRAELI
NEWS BROADCAST QUOTING A DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN
(UNIDENTIFIED) ON JANUARY 18. THE SPOKESMAN WAS COMMENTING
ON THE ARMS LIMITATION PROGRAM OF THE PRESIDENT AND, ACCORD-
ING TO MANSOURI, STATED THAT THE ARMS LIMITATION POLICY
WILL NOT AFFECT ARMS SALES TO ISRAEL OF THE ERECTION OF AN
AMERICAN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA."

2. MANSOURI DID NOT HAVE AN ENGLISH VERSION OF THIS ALLEGED
STATEMENT AND STUMBLED A LITTLE AS TO WHETHER THE BROADCAST
SAID "ERECTION" OR "ESTABLISHMENT".

3. IN ANY EVENT, HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NO AMERICAN
MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA AND HE REQUESTED
OFFICIAL DENIAL BY OUR GOVERNMENT OF THE EXISTENCE OF
SUCH AN ESTABLISHMENT OR THE INTENT OF OUR GOVERNMENT
TO ESTABLISH SUCH. HE APPEARED QUITE UPSET, AND THE
FACT THAT HE COLLED ON AN ARAB HOLIDAY WAS IN ITSELF
SIGNIFICANT.

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4. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE LOCATE THE EXACT QUOTATION
FROM THE UNNAMED DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND FOLLOW
IT BY AN EXPLANATION WHICH INCLUDES A FIRM STATEMENT THAT
WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT THE U.S. HAS A "MILITARY ESTABLISH-
MENT" IN SAUDI ARABIA.
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